

RESOLUTION NO. 183-18

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARMA CITY SCHOOLS TAX LEVY (ISSUE 7) ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Parma City School District is requesting a tax levy of 4.5 mills to restore critically important educational tools and programs that were cut to balance the most recent budget; and

WHEREAS, the Parma City School District has cut \$23 million from the budget over the past 3 years (8.6 million just last year) and has not seen new operating funds since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the School District has lost \$71 million since 2011 in state funding to charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the loss of state funding has led to increased class sizes (28:1), reduction of teachers and classified staff, reduction of technology available to students as well as cutting insurance benefits of the district employees; and

WHEREAS, a strong school system is critical to the future of Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills, and the quality of our schools directly impacts local property values, creating a more desirable community for families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$13.12 more per month in property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, passage of Issue 7 is in the best interests of the students, schools, and the community, and in order for this district to continue to move forward and to prepare our children for the jobs of today and tomorrow, this levy must be passed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council and Administration hereby support the Parma City Schools Tax Levy (Issue 7) on the November 6, 2018, General Election ballot. We call on all residents to vote in favor of Issue 7 in order for the Parma City School District to continue to provide a top-quality education for the community's children and to give them the best opportunity for success beyond high school and for the City of Parma to remain a desirable community in which to raise these children.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the Parma City School District Superintendent Dr. Charles Smialek and the Parma City School District Board Members.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the upcoming General Election in November, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO